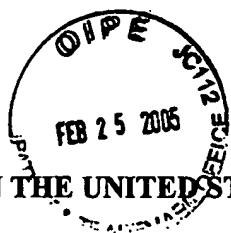


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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This paper addresses the issues raised by the Office Action mailed November 19, 2004. The three (3) month deadline for response is February 22, 2005.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

In Paragraph 1, the Examiner requested that the Abstract be placed on a separate sheet. A substitute Abstract was submitted (on or about September 2, 2004) in response to the First Office Action. Accordingly, the undersigned has not resubmitted instructions for the replacement language; however, as requested by the Examiner, the replacement language is now set forth on a separate page, which follows.